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THEORY AND EXPLANATION.

Movement, so fully treated in the four preceding books, is here advanced a step and is presented in the form of a drill upon capital letters. The copies in this book embrace all the letters of the alphabet in a wide range of practice in both direct and reverse motion. Pupils should start to strike off the combination without taking the pen from the paper, at the same time counting to keep together, thus: capital V, capital U, capital Y, rest.

SLANT.

This system sets forth a semi-vertical slant as the golden mean from which a deviation either way is no error. In practice the author holds to *characteristic slant*, that is a slant peculiar to the pupil in which he is free, easy and legible. He believes in straightening up the writing but not in dogmatizing the slant. Speed and legibility are the essential things in writing and they belong to a variety of slant. Hence it is recommended that within the limits of speed and legibility each pupil be allowed to have his own characteristic slant. This is not letting every child do as he pleases but training him to do well, that which he will and must do by the bent of his nature.

POSITION.

It makes little difference which position, side or front, the pupil takes at the desk if he knows how to place the paper under his hand. The nearest we can suggest without showing is to place the paper so that the hand in moving from left to right as the arm naturally opens, will carry the pen along the base line. When this position is correct the writer will see the base line from one end of it to the other.

v v v

u u u

y y y y

Virtue is the passport to all manly valor.

V V V

U U U

Y Y Y Y

Universal liberty and equality to all men

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v v v

u u u

y y y y

Youth is the springtime of life and hope.

W W W A A A e e e z z z

What an excellent piece of work is man.

W W W A A A e e e g g g

Xenia is the county seat of Greene Co., Ohio.

W W W A A A L L L Z Z Z

Question nature if thou wouldst truly learn.

P P P

B B B

R R R R

Peace has more glorious victories than war.

P P P

B B B

R R R R R

Blue birds are the harbingers of Spring.

P P P

B B B

R R R R

Ring out wild bells, to the wild sky. Ring.

F S S F S S K K K K K K

Fortune's prizes come by constant industry.

FSS FSS NNN NNN

'Tis education moulds the common mind.

F S S F S S N N N N N N

Hope springs eternal in the human breast.

F S S F S S H H H H H H

Kindness often conquers when force fails.

ooo eee ccc dddd

On yonder crag the eagle builds his nest

o o o e e e c c c d d d

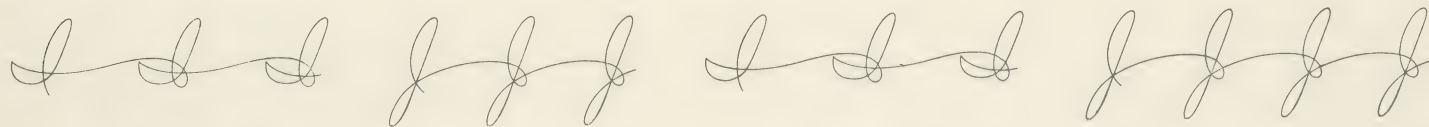
Evening shadows gather softly round us.

o o o e e e c c c d d d d

Constant occupation prevents temptation. C

O O O e e e c c c D D D D

Discretion is the better part of valor. D



Italy, the land of sunshine and of song.

l l l l f f f f l l l l f f f f

Justice springs from a true sense of duty.

A N M A N M A N M

All the air a solemn stillness holds. A

A N M A N M A N M

None are so blind as they who will not see.

A N M A N M A N M

Moonlight on the rippling water gleams.

l l l

l l l

g g g g

Striving for better things makes us men.

S S S

S S S

G G G G

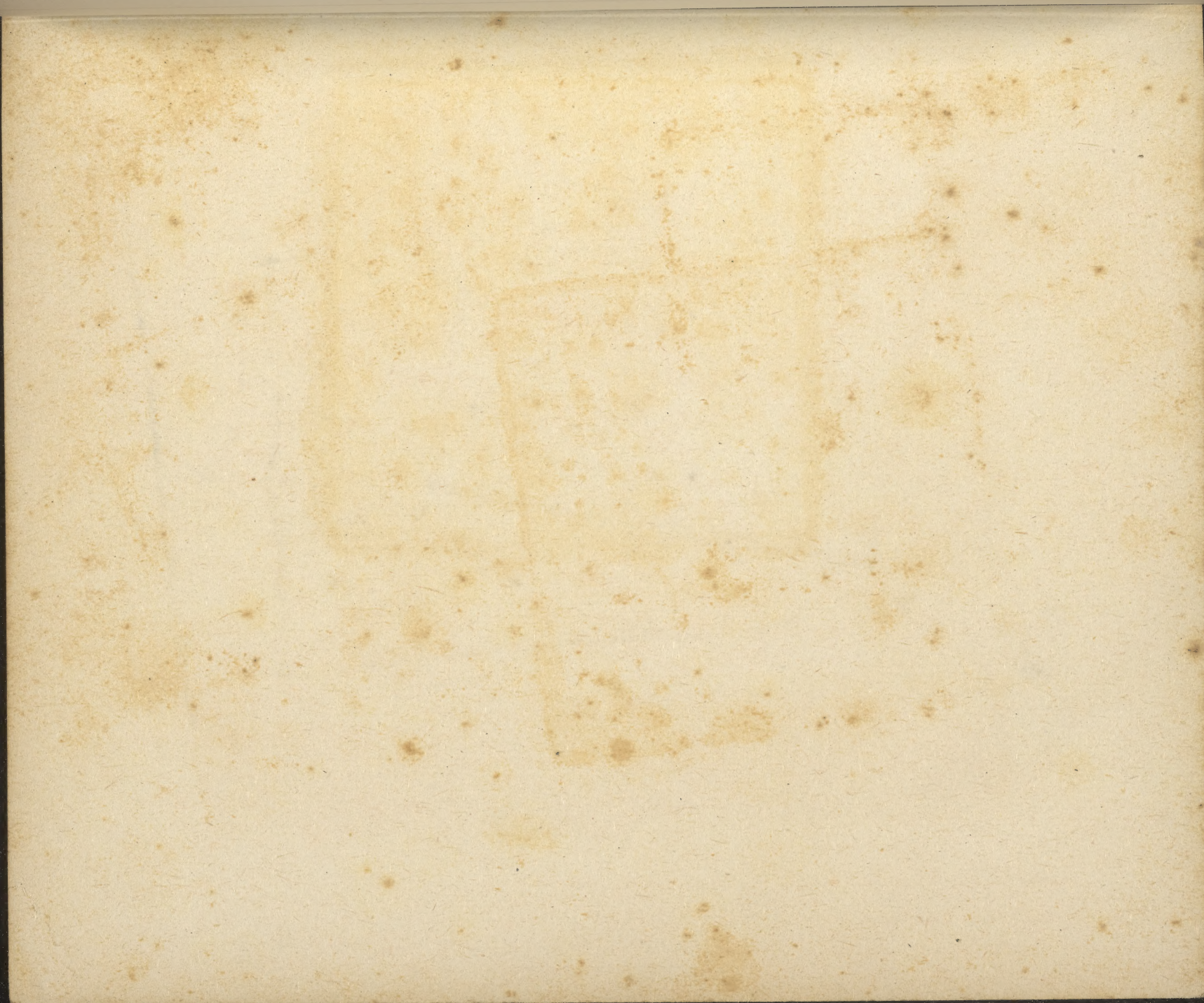
Life should be full of earnest endeavor. S

S S S

S S S

G G G G

Great good is won by patient striving. G



Marietta, in 1788